



State of Utah

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Re: Informational Request, Dredging/Mining Activities in Utah

In response to your request regarding recreational dredging in Utah, this letter is to inform you of the Division's rules and permitting requirements regarding such activities.

As long as mechanized equipment is being used to mine or otherwise extract a mineral deposit from the land or waters of the state, the activity must be permitted by our agency. Therefore, we have enclosed a copy of the mining and reclamation rules and application forms regarding such mining-related activities.

There is no fee involved in filing with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. However, if your dredging activities fall on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management lands, you will need to contact them directly regarding their permitting and/or notification requirements.

If you anticipate that your mining activities will be short term (i.e., less than 12 month duration), and you will not need to reenter or reimpact the same properties again, then a Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration may be the appropriate application form to file (refer to enclosed rules). If you anticipate a longer period of mining/dredging, or an intermittent (on-again/off-again) activity on the same property, then a Small Mining Operation Notice of Intention should be filed. This would eliminate the need to refile a new Notice each time you reactivate your dredging activity (i.e., if multiple years are proposed).

Certain types of dredging activities may also need a permit from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) and/or the Utah State Division of Water Rights (DWR). A Stream Alteration 040 Permit may be required from DWR, or a 404 Permit from ACOE if your dredging will impact a sensitive waterway. It is our understanding that there are certain streams/ivers, or sections thereof, within the state that may be "restricted or closed" to this type of activity. You are advised to contact these agencies for this information before starting your dredging activities. Their addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

Army Corps of Engineers
Suite A
1403 South 600 West
Bountiful, Utah 84010
(801) 295-8380

State Division of Water Rights
Room 220
1636 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116
(801) 538-7240

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Recreational Mining Activities

Certain streams and rivers of the state have established fisheries that may be very sensitive to dredging activities at certain times of the year (i.e., spawning seasons). Please contact the regional fisheries manager of the State Division of Wildlife Resources (list of area offices enclosed) prior to beginning dredging activities to determine if you will be working in a sensitive section of streams during a critical spawning season.

Also enclosed is a list of the DWR area office contacts for your reference. Good luck with your mining activities. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Joelle Burns
Minerals Secretary

Enclosures

**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
AREA OFFICES**

<u>City</u>	<u>Regional Area</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Cedar City	Southwestern Utah	586-4231
Logan	Box Elder County Rich County Cache County	752-8755
Price	Book Cliffs Southeastern Utah	637-1303
Richfield	Sevier River	896-4429
Salt Lake	Salt Lake County Wasatch County Utah County	538-7400
Vernal	Uintah Basin	965-9835 ext 327
Weber	Morgan County Davis County Summit County West Desert	538-7240

For use and reference to phone calls received regarding
permits for gold dredging operations in Utah

**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES
OFFICES**

<u>City</u>	<u>Regional/Area</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Salt Lake City	(Main Office) 1596 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84116	(801) 596-8660
Ogden	(Northern Region) 515 East 5300 South Ogden, Utah 84405	(801) 479-5143
Springville	(Central Region) 1115 North Main Springville, Utah 84663	(801) 489-5678
Price	(Southeastern Region) 455 West Railroad Avenue Price, Utah 84501	(801) 637-3310
Vernal	(Northeastern Region) 152 East 100 North Vernal, Utah 84078	(801) 789-3103
Cedar City	(Southern Region) 622 North Main Street Cedar City, Utah 84720	(801) 586-2455

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